Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is difficult to answer this question without getting more details.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know what are the details that are wanted for answering this question ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Details are, the new departments which will be created in the next 25 years.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Details are wanting in that respect. The Government having held out by their utterance that there are possibilities of great commercial and industrial developments in the Cochin State, on account of this would not other departments have to be created ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is possible.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Have not the Government also held out that if this Council shows sufficient progress more constitutional reforms will come in the future and would that also not necessitate other departments to be formed such as an Executive Council, the Ministry, etc ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—All progressive Governments are expanding year after year.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether in considering several questions of importance and in taking up large schemes the Government do not look ahead at least to the extent of 25 years ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

Proposals for transfer of the Maharaja's College to Anappara.

83. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—In connection with the proposal to transfer the Maharaja's College to Anappara, will the Government be pleased to supply the information requested for hereunder:—

(a) when was the proposal to transfer the College first made to the Government, by whom was it made ;

(b) before the proposal referred to in (a) was made, were complaints at any time made to the Government of the want of sufficient space in the present College buildings; if so, when and by whom ;

(c) has any educational or medical authority ever condemned the present College buildings as unsuitable or as wanting in space ; if so, who is that authority and when was the condemnation made;

(d) before the proposal to transfer the buildings to Anappara was acted upon by the Government, was any attempt made by the Government to find out whether there was adequate space available at Ernakulam for all normal developments of the College, regard being had to the prospective development of

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Ernakulam, commercially and industrially, and the demands of Government for more area to meet the needs of the several departments of Government now existing and hereafter to be created within the next 25 years ; if such attempt has been made, what is the conclusion come to by the Government?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) In 1100. By the Committee appointed to formulate a scheme for a First Grade College in Cochin.

(b) Complaints regarding insufficient space came up only with the proposal to raise the standard of the College. Both by the College authorities and by the University Commission.

(c) The University Commission has condemned the present building as wanting in space. The buildings were not condemned by any medical authority.

(d) No such attempt appears to have been made.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Did this committee propose this College as a nucleous for a University ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—As I have got to answer from my recollection I remember that in drafting the proposals for the first grade College they suggested that the first grade College ought to go to Anappara so as to develop as a central Pan-Kerala University . I cannot answer what they had in their minds.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the Government is not in possession of the report and whether they will be pleased to place it on the table ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It will be placed on the table.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—At about the time that the committee reported, was the Government contemplating an arrangement with the Travancore Government to have a Pan-Kerala University for Cochin, Travancore and Malabar to be located in a central place ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I am not quite certain about the date. But there was a kind of nebulous plan in which Cochin may be considered the place for the location of the University. It was something like that.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Has not the Travancore Government rejected these proposals or suggestions for a Pan-Kerala University ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have no information.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—With regard to the complaints for space made by the College Council, have not they in their report in 1924 stated that it is not desirable to make residence within the College premises compulsory for all the students and teachers ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They have.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Have they not also stated that in providing accommodation for the students and teachers within

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the premises of the College due regard must be paid to their religious and caste scruples and susceptibilities ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I cannot answer from my recollections.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Have they not also stated that on account of the prestige, importance, etc , of Ernakulam the first College must be at Ernakulam and not elsewhere ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Principal in his letter has stated that the College may be retained at Ernakulam.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Have they not stated thus—'To sum up considerations of prestige, necessity, educational and other facilities (present and prospective) academic and cultural traditions, finance and feasibility are all in favour of Ernakulam and must point unmistakably to the desirability of locating the College there only' ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That is the substance of the recommendations. I cannot again quote from memory.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Have they not stated that "the Ernakulam College is not without sufficient scope for expansion seeing that there are grounds in the vicinity of the College itself which can be conveniently acquired by Government when necessity arises" ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I can only answer as far as the subject matter is concerned.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Sir, the report is here. It is a very important matter.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—On the subject matter I can answer. But the exact words I cannot quote.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Then referring to the Harbour, have they not stated that "by reason of the Harbour, Ernakulam might become congested but we cannot understand how it would become unsuitable for higher education. It is well known that most of the modern universities of the world, literary as well as technological are located in the heart of busy industrial and commercial towns such as Manchester, Leeds, Burmingham, Glasgow, New York, etc." Have they not stated that?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Are these supplementary questions, Sir ?

President.—The Hon'ble Member is in order. If the report is placed on the table we can save some time.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I have a purpose, Sir. Several Members may not be able to read it. So I put the questions. Did they not say that "the opening of the Cochin Harbour will only render it all the more necessary for Ernakulam, with its greater importance, prestige and activity, to have ample provision for higher education—literary as well as technical and industrial ?"

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sir, a copy of this has to be placed on the table in answer to another question. With regard to the other Members it will be placed before the House in answer to other questions which have been tabled for this session.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Have the College Professors and Lecturers complained of the isolation of Anappara and hence its undesirability for a college ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In that letter under reference from which the Hon'ble Member is quoting they have stated that Anappara was removed from the heart of the town by about three miles and that therefore it will be isolated from the centre of life.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Did they not specifically complain that students will be bereft of cultural advantages ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The report will be placed on the table.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Did they not further state "if it were the intention of the Government to establish not a First Grade College but a full blown University with various faculties and departments, then we can understand the necessity for extensive grounds covering hundreds of acres, but certainly not in the case of a First Grade College" ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—May I place the report on the table ?

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—That is all, Sir.

Low-lying portion near Manali Bridge.

84. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they remember to have given assurances in answer to question 53 of the Special Session of the Council in 1104 and again to question 187 and again during the Kumbham session of 1105 that the low-lying portion near Manali bridge where there is a lot of water during floods would be immediately raised, etc.,

(b) if so, what action have they taken to improve the road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Chief Engineer's suggestion to fill up the Irish drain and metal the portion has been approved by Government. The work will be carried out after the monsoons.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Though assurances were given in 104 and 1105 the works were not carried out. This time also they give an assurance. Will the result of this assurance be as that of the other two, since no provision is seen in the budget?

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